

Heartwood Charter School

Agenda for the emergency meeting of the Heartwood Charter School Board of Directors

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Friday, August 28, 2020

3:00 PM Public Session

Call to Order

- I. Roll Call
- II. Public and Community Input
- III. Action Items
 - A. The Board will consider a resolution defining the inequity of recently passed SB 98 and currently considered SB 820 and approve, defer or agree to study further.
- IV. Adjourn

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
HEARTWOOD CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF IMPACTS
AND REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT
OF SB 98 AND SB 820**

August 27, 2020

WHEREAS, the Education Finance: omnibus education spending bill (“SB 98”) recently became law, and it includes a provision where schools will receive funding calculated with an Average Daily Attendance (“ADA”) second period (“P-2”) figure based on attendance through February, 2019, rather than the regularly used dates of March or April 2019, to protect schools from declining enrollment due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, referred to as the “Hold Harmless” provision; and

WHEREAS, the Hold Harmless provision of SB 98 is intended to protect against negative funding impacts for schools which may experience negative growth, but also restricts funding for schools which may experience positive growth; and

WHEREAS, the Education Finance: omnibus education spending bill (“SB 98”) was passed on June 30, 2020, a date after which Heartwood Charter School (“School”) and many other schools have accepted enrollment for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year; and

WHEREAS, School experienced positive enrollment growth, both in year 2019-20 and in May and June of 2020 for the 2020-21 academic year; and

WHEREAS, School will experience negative financial impacts resulting from the Hold Harmless provision of SB 98 due to the disallowance of funding for enrollment increases; and

WHEREAS, the proposed SB 820 will subsequently remove the restriction on funding for enrollment growth for all schools except independent study schools; and

WHEREAS, that independent study schools are the only category of school whose enrollment growth is not allowed under current law or proposed amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The Board of Directors believes that disallowance of funding for enrollment growth for independent study charter schools is inequitable, unconstitutional and illegal.
2. The Board of Directors requests that the State fairly compensate independent study charter schools for the 2020-21 school year.
3. The Board of Directors requests the State Budget Committee and State Legislature to correct such illegal funding provisions in an equitable manner and in a timely manner to avoid financial destruction of growing independent study charter schools.